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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report drawn up for International Application No. PCT/JP00/04084 of which the present application is a U.S. National Stage:

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- (1) JP 61-7860 B2 (T. OTSUKI et al.), 10 March 1986.
- (2) JP 57-144039 A (NIPPON SODA CO., LTD), 6 September 1982.
- (3) JP 6-24636 B2 (AGENCY OF...), 6 April 1994.
- (4) EP 0766 993 A2 (TOYOTA JIDOSHA...), 9 April 1997.
- (5) JP 57-10335 A (TOYOTA MOTOR CORP.), 19 January 1982.
- (6) JP 6-63423 A (H. KAMEYAMA et al.), 8 March 1994.

Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to the following document:

(7) JP 5-68892 A (MAZDA MOTOR CORP.), 23 March 1993. Applicants note that this document is discussed at page 2, second paragraph, of the present application.

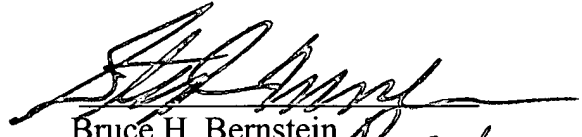
Copies of the above-listed documents and English abstracts of documents (1) - (3)¹ and (5) - (7) as well as an English translation of the above-mentioned International Preliminary Examination Report for International Application No. PCT/JP00/04084 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

¹ It is noted that the English abstract of document (3) is the English abstract of JP 62-45344 A which is a family member of document (3) (see front page of JP 6-24636 B2)

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If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned can be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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